IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF Art Unit: 1611

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FOR: BISPHOSPHONATES FOR THE TREATMENT OF

ATHEROSCLEROSIS AND DEVICES COMPRISING THEM

MS: Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2008, to which a response was due December 30, 2008. A petition for a three-month extension of time is included with this Reply, thus extending the time to respond to March 30, 2009.

Remarks begin on page 65 of this paper.